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### A LIVELY MEETING.

#### FRITZ RUSSI'S CONDUCT INVESTIGATED.

Two Reports From the Investigation Committee—The Minority Set Upon.

The City Council assembled yesterday afternoon, Hon. J. H. French, Alderman Belknap, Arnold, Bolton, Lockwood, Story, Gallagher, Pauly, Schreiner, Smye, Cardenas and Hamilton being present.

Mrs. F. Hesse, for relief for Mrs. Mary Rainford, 70 years of age and destitute. Referred to the City Physician. San Goon, for permission to peddle tea without a license. Referred to Committee on Finance.

Citizens, for a bridge over the Alamo creek at Lombroso street, Second ward. Referred to the Committee on Streets and Bridges.

William Fotta, for position as engineer of fire company No. 2. No action.

City Physician, recommending that assistance be given to Mrs. Briggs. Referred to the Finance Committee.

Reports of officers were examined by Finance Committee and found correct. Story reported recommending that the petition of J. M. Whitesides, for relief from contract be not granted. He is short \$103 on the contract to fence the new city cemetery.

The report of the Public Improvement Committee was adopted. The petition of A. Silecock, for line of original lot No. 10, was reported on, suggesting that the Council has no jurisdiction over the matter.

The petition of citizens, for improvements on Garden street, was reported on favorably and the Street Commissioner ordered to do the work at once. Adopted.

On the resolution of Pauly, that the street railway lines are in a bad and dangerous condition, the committee reported that on Alamo street the grade of the rails are too high; also on several other streets and should be removed as soon as possible, which the President of the railway company had assured the committee would be done.

The report was referred back to the committee for a statement as to whose duty it was to keep the lines of the road in proper repair.

Lockwood reported recommending that the International and Great Northern road be requested to erect a bridge over Delgado street.

Schreiner reported favorably on the petition of James Brady for permission to erect an iron clad shed for his house. The report of the Market Master has been examined and found correct. Alvins Loo's petition for remission of taxes for 1884 was granted, on report of Bolton.

Paul Wagner's petition for correction of erroneous assessment was granted. M. Hall & Brothers' petition for reduction of assessment was granted.

Joseph Landis' petition for reduction of assessment was not granted.

Lockwood reported recommending that the Waterworks company be allowed to place water mains where there is no necessity to do so, or where a revenue can be derived, but that they should not make change in orders unless with the consent of the city council. Adopted.

The report of the Market Master has been examined by Arnold and found correct. Three petitions for outside stall were rejected.

The chief of the fire department reported recommending the appointment of Joseph Schreiner as engineer, that he was the most efficient of the three candidates examined.

A motion to refer the report back for further examination, with the provision that five days notice be given to applicants desiring to be examined, was adopted.

Story reported that the Second ward map had been examined, and recommended that it be adopted by the Council.

Bolton reported as follows on the resolution of Pauly:

MAJORITY REPORT.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council: GENTLEMEN:—Your committee, appointed on a resolution of Alderman Pauly to report upon certain matters pertaining to gravelling Military plaza and hiring of men to perform the work, would respectfully report the following in answer to interrogatives given:

1. Has the extra force of men in question actually been employed? If so, how many were employed and by what authority?

Your committee examined the pay rolls for the month of October, 1884, and questioned the Street Commissioner and City Clerk and find that no extra force of men for labor or hire of carts had been paid in that month. A roll of men for hire of carts and labor was presented to us and examined, showing over the certificate of the Street Commissioner that from October 30 to November 8, 1884, inclusive, 34 carts at \$2 per day and 40 laborers at \$1.25 per day to perform certain work for the city in gravelling Military plaza in accordance with a resolution of the City Council, passed May 12, 1884.

The roll shows that the carts and men were employed from six and a half to eight days, averaging, for carts, 165 days at \$2 a day, \$330; and laborers 264 days at \$1.25 a day, \$330, and that the appropriation was \$750, leaving \$420 unexpended. There was no extra force employed by the Street Commissioner during October and November, to date that that above mentioned. Your committee have no other evidence than the Street Commissioner's statement to offer relative to the actual number employed.

2. If the men were employed was the work in which they were assigned of such a nature as to demand immediate action by beginning it with the large force in question four days before the election, and would its postponement

until after the election have been detrimental to the interest of San Antonio? Your committee in answer would state that the Alderman from the First ward, Juan Cardenas, had on two occasions, since the passage of the resolution, pressed the subject that the work should be commenced, and on the last meeting in October again spoke on the subject, requesting that the work be commenced at once. The Street Commissioner stated to your committee that the reason he placed such a force at work at the time was to push the work through to completion at an early date, as the plaza was occasionally filled with a large number of wagons and to put on a smaller force would have been detrimental to the interests of the city and not assured a good job.

The Street Commissioner reports further that a large force of laborers was necessary to clear the plaza, averaging two feet, from over the grass and weeds, the carts at the pl, that the carts averaged nine loads per day or about 165 loads, costing about 34 cents per load.

3. Was the quality as well as the quantity of the work performed by the extra force referred to, such as would justify the belief that in view of economy their employment was demanded?

The City Engineer, after examination of the plaza with your committee, said that he believed of the quality of work above named, is on the plaza, and the work fairly done for the character of work performed. Report of the Street Commissioner.

JOHN H. BOLTON, Chairman.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, November 14, 1884.

Before the report was read, Story requested that it be withdrawn for the present, as he had discovered other testimony of importance on the subject. It can be made at the first meeting.

Bolton and Smye were opposed to prolonging the investigation. A motion to excuse the committee until the next meeting was lost.

Story, as one of the committee, submitted a minority report, as follows:

Gentlemen: In offering for your consideration the report of Alderman Bolton on resolution of Alderman Pauly, I must dissent from that report. The Street Commissioner's action in employing 34 carts and 40 laborers for the purpose of carrying out of \$750 for that purpose, but can there be a justification for this act at a time when the city was in a great state of excitement pending a state, county and national election? Then the character of the labor employed more closely allied itself with suspicion and condemnation as his pay roll will show some but Mexican laborers were employed.

On Saturday preceding the election two gentlemen of undoubted integrity visited the gravel pits, then being used for city improvements, and employed 34 laborers in the trenches, under orders and control of city employees. Shall the people's money be expended in this manner, with the sanction of authority, by one of the executive officers of the city government? No, gentlemen of the Council, I cannot give my consent to this transaction without placing my protest on the records of this investigation.

When an officer of the city government places himself in such close proximity to the expenditure of the people's money for the sole purpose of carrying his friends through a county or city election, without making any report to the board of public condemnation, as in my judgment the cause justifies in setting out justice to an outraged public.

Such acts are condemned by all good people without distinction of party or otherwise, and I move that proper place be placed on the records of the city government, and that he be put on trial for malfeasance in office as provided for in section 10, made and provided for in such cases.

W. H. BROWN, One of the Committee.

Alderman Schreiner was called to the chair by the Mayor.

Alderman Story after he had concluded reading the minority report, said in offering it, he did so with a grave responsibility resting upon him as one of the committee.

While he said the act of the people and could show to them conclusively that this transaction was not done for the benefit of the city or the people, but for the benefit of a party, he would not in office his friends. It was well known that that work could easily have been postponed until after that extraordinary canvass had been made. It was a usurpation of power. There was no extraordinary occasion that this work should be done at the time it was done. It was put in motion for private purposes and it is characterized by the people and the press of this city as being unparalleled in the history of the city, and he believed what he said and read about this thing was the true verdict of the people of San Antonio. He believed he should be in a minority in the Council, but he did not believe that a city administration should be tolerated where such means as this are resorted to and he did not believe that the people would sanction it, and believed that every member of the Council condemned such proceedings. He would leave the report and ask for a favorable consideration.

Lockwood, Smye and Cardenas were opposed to Captain Story's minority report. Alderman Pauly supporting Story, and was in favor of having Bolton's report referred for more careful consideration.

Mayor French said he thought Fritz Russi should be heard.

Mr. Russi, in pursuance of this suggestion, stepped forward and stated that the charges made against him of employing Mexicans only was a mistake. His attention had been called to the fact that much work was needed on the Military plaza, and he thought that the best thing to do would be to employ a force and do the work as soon as possible. When he saw the article in the newspapers that he had employed a large force, he resolved that the men should not work on the day of election.

Mayor French then interrogated Fritz Russi, asking him, first: Did I advise you to employ these men? Second: Did I not express my regret that the work for the city in gravelling Military plaza was not done at this time? The answer to the first was in the negative and the third in the affirmative.

Bolton then spoke strongly in favor of his minority report. As to the time the extra men employed did fair and good work for the city.

Alderman Story said there was one thing they had to explain away, the unpropitious moment the work was done. They could see he had no extra men in regular men working 30 men in this enterprise. As to the time being favorable to do it is questionable. He had a conversation with the President of the city, and he said that that gravel cannot be placed satisfactorily when the weather is dry. This gravel had been heaped in a dry time, and such a thing would never be laid up like fallen snow. He understood by the rolls that some six or eight men's names have been signed by some one

else, and there had been quite a number of men employed in this enterprise who have never been paid at all, that is because those fellows did not vote just as they were told to. Another thing, this force of 38 men was not in operation the second day after the election. Whether that was true or not, remains to be proved, and that was one reason he begged this committee not to force the report at that meeting. He was sorry to say that the verdict of this people was against this transaction. It was an outrage on the people and their vested rights. He was glad and proud to say that this was a transaction entirely of Fritz Russi's own, and as he had the responsibility of it, let him come to the front and defend himself and let him satisfy this Council, and people of San Antonio that this transaction was a clear, honest and straightforward one. In all the excuses made by the Council the speaker had not heard a man say this work was done at an opportune moment. Every man within the sound of his voice knew that on that occasion the country, state and nation were quivering with the excitement of the election, and it was head and shoulders for the hindmost man. Why did an executive officer of this city, man together 100 men, take them in, too, at the expense of the tax payers. This was a gentleman who promises to shape the policy of this city, and it was not the first time he had done so. He is charged here and proof can be produced that he is an inappropriate moment employ 100 men, whose votes he expected to control, that is not in the allegation, the ulterior purpose was there, and he could not get away from it. Let every officer stand upon his own bottom, and if he did a wrong, bring him to the bar of justice, and let him be tried like any other criminal. He was willing, himself, to meet his responsibilities openly and candidly, and he could not apologize, and would not take an apology of any man who did wrong. He knew full well it was for a specific and positive purpose outside of his official duty as an officer, he knew by bonding money together, he knew that it commanded a high price in the market, and he does it at that particular time with the people's money for the purpose of carrying out and serving a selfish interest. Any man that would prostitute the high calling of his position for such a purpose is unworthy to be at the head of the department such as he occupies. He believed that the circumstances were lying to him, and he is not driven from Council, that the sovereign power of this great city would call upon all of them to say that man must not and shall not say in discharge of his duty.

The minority report was then lost, Pauly and Story alone voting for it. The majority report was then adopted, Story and Pauly voting nay.

Gallagher: That the Street Commissioner plow and scrape West Commerce street.

A motion to refer to a committee was lost.

Fully said he was opposed to adopting the resolution of Alderman Bolton, referring the resolutions of others. I do not think it is—

The Chair called him to order, when Pauly appealed from the decision of the Chair, saying it was the first time he had ever seen the gag law practiced in the Council. Mr. Pauly resumed his position in quite an excited manner.

Story said all the members had the right to discuss motions without the gag, and the Chair should put the motion to the house.

The motion was put and the chair was sustained, four members voting nay.

The resolution was then adopted. By Belknap, that the Council meet hereafter on the first and third Mondays of each month. It went over under the rules.

By Smye, that the \$1000 appropriated for improving Main and Alamo plazas be expended at once.

The Mayor said the work had been done on Alamo plaza and that the former appropriation had been annulled. The resolution was withdrawn.

Mayor French also stated as soon as the fountain offered by Major Brackenridge had been erected by the committee for the Main plaza the work of improving it could be proceeded with.

Adjourned.

An Object of Charity.

The wife of the Italian failed on election day for illegal voting, in a very precarious condition, and on the verge of death. She was a widow, and her husband was thrown in jail, and the worry and trouble, caused by this, has caused her to have a miscarriage, and she is now very ill. The neighbors living on South Laredo street have been assisting her all in their power, and request aid from other charitable people.

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Messrs. Moritz & Luxemburger opened their new skating rink in the Pavilion last night, and quite a crowd were in attendance, many ladies among the number. Some fine skating was witnessed by the spectators and enjoyed by the participants. The rink is newly refitted and has no connection whatever with the skating rink which was located in the same place for ladies and misses.

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"I turned if I didn't, though," madly yelled the merchant, "and they've been dunning me like thunder for it."

"My friend you must be mistaken," firmly answered the cashier.

"Mistaken, thunder! I've got your receipt for it," and he threw down the bill of exchange.

He then bowed and apologized when informed that the "receipt" he had should have been sent to the house that was dunning him.—(Atlanta Constitution.)

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